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## WOMAN'S WORLD.

### A PARTIAL LIST OF WOMEN'S CLUBS IN THIS COUNTRY.

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Mrs. Young's Petition—Timely Paragraphs About Suffrage.

A suggestive article in the Boston Globe discusses the relative value of large and small clubs for women and quotes Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

On the other hand, in a large club actual participation is often limited to a few, while many members are silent and inactive, hence the impolicy of dividing the work and assigning it to sections, classes or committees.

Among the clubs named in this article are the New England Women's club, the New York Sorosis, the Cambridge (Mass.) Cantabrigia, the Wheaton Seminary club, the Massachusetts Moral Education association, the Starr club of Lynn, the Thought and Work club of Salem, the Monday Afternoon club of Paterson, N. J., the Monday Afternoon club of Plainfield, N. J., the Port Washington Woman's club, the Collegiate Sorosis of Ann Arbor, Mich., the Pacific Coast Woman's Press association of San Francisco, the Woman's club of Aurora, Ill., the Brooklyn Woman's club, the Woman's Literary club of Medford, Pa., the Fort Wayne Woman's club, the American club of Boston, the Dorchester (Mass.) Woman's club, the Professional Woman's league of New York, the Danvers Woman's association, etc.

Thirty years ago women's clubs scarcely existed; already their name is legion. There is scarcely a town or village in the country that has not or will not soon have one or more such organizations of women. At present few of these associations have given any attention to politics or the science of government. But sooner or later they will be impelled to do so by the pressure of circumstances. Their private and public interests will awaken them to their need of direct power in shaping legislation.

Therefore we welcome every one of these women's clubs, however conservative, as an involuntary ally—the Mayflower club no less than the Independent women voters of Boston or the Massachusetts School Suffrage association. Even the respondents are, in a broad sense, promoters of the woman's suffrage movement.—Boston Woman's Journal.

Woman's Destructive Occupations.

Very little is known of the danger to life and health that exists in many occupations where women are largely employed. In England a long and bitter struggle has been formed to call attention to the facts of the case, and Mrs. C. Mallet has made extensive investigations.

In the linen trade the fact has to be left to soak in the water, and rheumatism, bronchitis and pneumonia seize upon the women who have to deal with it in this stage. In the flax carding department the fine dust produces lung disease and kills its victims at 30. In fur cape making the odor and the fine stuff are both extremely injurious. A singular injury is caused to artists by flower makers, especially those employed in making white flowers by daylight. The dry dust causes inflamed eyelids, and the work so trying that women are worn out long before middle age. In the china trade the clay dust settles year by year in the lungs until consumption results.

In the white lead trade horrors are found quite equal to those of the phosgene match trade. Lead is in itself highly poisonous, and the most dangerous parts of the process of making the ordinary blue pipe of lead into the deadly white carbonate is carried on by women because it requires less muscular strength than the rest. Cakes of lead are put to ferment in tan and acetic acid for three months, and then the cakes have to be grabbed out of the mixture by hand, the poison getting under the finger nails. After being ground to powder under water the dishes of damp lead have to be placed in a stove to dry for a fortnight. The worst part is when these poor women have to take away the dry, hot, white carbonate of lead from the stoves. Even the muffled heads, the swollen respirators, the sack overalls fail to keep out the deadly dust. They rarely live many years. Sometimes a few weeks or months bring on the symptoms of acute lead poisoning, to which they rapidly succumb. This white carbonate of lead is used for glazing china and enamel advertisements. The only safeguard would be in prohibiting the manufacture, and it would be possible to do so, for various substitutes are already in the market.—New York Sun.

Executive Women.

The experiment of employing women instead of men in the French postal service has been tried with such good results in France of late that the government has recently appointed a number of women to excellent positions of trust. The principal departments where women clerks are employed is in France, as elsewhere, the post, telegraphs, telephones, railways, the government banks and the central administration.

There are at present 5,338 women employed at provincial post offices, 1,000 female telegraph clerks. In 68 towns the telephone stations are under the management of women, affording employment for 745. The national savings banks employ 430 women.

The railways have, however, been the best friends to the women. It was the Dombes company which made the experiment with employing female clerks at the office, or as station mistresses at the small stations, but gradually nearly all the French railway companies have followed this example. Women are used at the ticket office as waiters, etc. The East company employed 180 women, the North company 2,700, the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean 3,728, the Orleans

company 4,358, altogether some 24,000 women, in which number the thousands and thousands of female gatekeepers are not included.

In the whole of Europe it is calculated that over 600,000 women hold public appointments.—Philadelphia Press.

A London Pavement Artist.

Force of circumstances has driven an English woman—one Mrs. Coleman—to adopt the unusual occupation of pavement artist as a means to earn a living for herself and her sick husband. She is probably the first woman to attempt this calling, which is one of the common street sights of London, though comparatively unknown here. It is estimated that there are about 300 persons, men and lads, in the English metropolis earning a living at this trade of drawing pictures on the pavements and collecting pennies from the crowds that gather. Colored chalks are used and very realistic scenes sketched, many of the artists being genuinely talented.

A shipwreck or any sort of marine picture is a popular subject, the blue of the sea and colors of the ship and sky all being faithfully reproduced. The exciting happenings of the day are seized upon, the face of a murderer or the environment of any thrilling occurrence being promptly brought out. Formerly the business was conducted on a sort of system, "pitches" or good vantage points being regularly pre-empted and respected by the other members of the fraternity. Now, however, the increased number of pictures to be had in all prints, even the cheapest, has left a depressing effect on the pursuit. Still, as far as Mrs. Coleman earns an average \$1.25 a day, and when it rains she stays at home and prepares her chalks.—London Correspondent.

Mrs. Young's Petition.

Mrs. Virginia D. Young of Fairfax, S. C., inspired by the efforts of Mr. Joseph H. Henry of Kentucky, petitioned the South Carolina legislature for the right of suffrage. She said: "I have, in the eyes of the law, committed but one crime, that of being born a woman. I am taxed without representation. I am governed without my consent, thus nullifying the sacred principles of democracy. I hereby protest against the humiliation of being classed politically with insane, criminals and idiots, as well as against the injustice. The petition was published in all the South Carolina papers, and although the legislature adjourned without taking action upon it, it has done much to promote the discussion of the subject. Mrs. Young is doing a great and good work in the state for the enfranchisement of women, and we are sure, if she was allowed to vote, she would exercise the privilege with much wisdom common sense than some men exhibit.—Aiken Journal and Review.

Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is a mental wreck—Exchange.

Yes! She is over 80 years old, and perhaps, humanly judged, ought to be a mental wreck. Nevertheless, yesterday it was my privilege to see a poetic effusion emanating from this "wreck," written in her own hand, unique, graphically, a very garland of tender feeling and gracious expression, woven about a thought of love and recognition of friendship, addressed to another 80-year-old "mental wreck"—my mother. If the donkey who wrote of Mrs. Stowe as a "mental wreck" would, just for the fun of the thing, put his alleged brains alongside those two 80-year-old wrecks, he would be surprised at his own insignificance and amazed at his temerity—unless, indeed, he has heart enough to be ashamed of himself and with enough apology for such brutality.—Joe Howard in New York Recorder.

The Board of Lady Managers.

The board of lady managers are again on the wing. Until last April they made their headquarters in the Rand-McNally building. Then they removed to their commodious quarters in the Woman's building, where they remained all summer. Now they have taken possession of their handsome suit of rooms in the Masonic temple, and Mrs. Susan Gale Cook, secretary, is established there. As in the past, Mr. Potter Palmer will have her own private room. Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, vice chairman of the executive committee of the board, is actively superintending the settlement of her own domain. The rooms are very pleasantly located on the seventh floor of the temple and will be flooded with sunshine from the large south windows. It is expected that it will require several months of hard work before the business of the board is fully settled.—Chicago Letter.

African's Woman's College.

Those people who fancy that all of Africa may be described by the phrase "The Dark Continent" will probably be surprised to learn that there is a girls' school at Wellington, Cape Colony, having a faculty of 20 professors and numbering on its list of alumnae more than 1,000 descendants of English, Dutch and French settlers. This school was founded some years ago, is entirely self supporting, and its pupils have competed successfully at Cape Town in the university and government examinations.—Cape Town Correspondent.

The Tadmora Women.

Mrs. Alma Tadmora is not only an artist of no mean skill herself, but is the model from whom her husband paints his reddish haired women. Miss Alma Tadmora, the young daughter of the famous painter, has been studying in London, and has turned her artistic efforts into literary channels. It is said that she has already submitted manuscripts to editors in this country, and that they have been pronounced remarkably brilliant.—New York Journal.

Miss Adela Grant's Wedding.

Miss Adela Grant, now the Earl of Essex's bride, introduced several novelties at her wedding. The bride and groom traveled in a train of her wedding gown all the way from a silver embroidered dove that stretched its shining wings across her

shoulders. The veil of beautiful figured lace fell down to her feet in front as well as at the back. All her bridesmaids wore cavaliers' capes swinging from the shoulder, and the five little girl bridesmaids were in Charles II dresses, with a smaller edition of the same cape.

Two Notable Women Dead.

Mrs. Dabney, probably the oldest member of the Wesleyan denomination in the country, died a fortnight ago at Thornton, near Hornscliffe, in her one hundred and third year. She had been identified with the Wesleyans 90 years. The death is also announced of Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver Prescott in her ninety-second year. She was the eldest granddaughter of Oliver Cromwell of Chestnut Park, the last of the protectors of the Commonwealth to bear his name.—Westminster Gazette.

The Chinamen Remembered Her.

The Chinese residents of Boston made a Christmas gift to Miss Julia Prendergast, a clerk in the United States commissioner's office, of a purse containing \$40, a box of silk handkerchiefs and other articles. A committee of Chinamen made the presentation and gave her also the original inscription paper signed by the Chinese donors. It recites that the gift was made on account of Miss Prendergast's kindness to them in their dealings with the commissioner's office.—Boston Commonwealth.

The Woman in White.

Miss Herbert, who is "the cabinet lady" of the household of the secretary of the navy, is fond of wearing pale shades of lavender, pink and blue combined with white. She wears the last color so frequently that she might almost be called "the woman in white." She designs many of her costumes. The gown in which she resided at the White House on New Year's day was of rich white moire antique made after one of her own designs.—Washington Post.

Charmed Garters.

It is a fad for girls to make a bride a garter, which she wears to be married in and restores to the owner afterward. The owner, by wearing it, will receive an offer of marriage within a year. A bride who was married in Jersey City a month ago wore enough garters to decorate a barber pole. There seems to be nothing charmed that the groom wears.—New York Fashion Letter.

Gloved Gloves.

Your swell young woman wears big seal skin gloves over her dainty little kid gloves to keep her hands warm this winter, and she lets her car farside slip into the fingers of the big gloves and—well, conductors always were a poorly paid class, and now the time has come when something ought to be done about it. But the gloves are very comfortable.—New York Mail and Express.

The Up to Date Bride.

The bride of today carries either a fan of white ostrich feathers or a prayer book bound in suede, moire, ivory or vellum. The drooping bouquet is tied with long satin ribbons. One or two pearl or diamond ornaments are permissible, though very young brides look best with no such adornment.—New York Advertiser.

A Woman Horse Trader.

Atchison bears the distinction of having a woman horse trader. Every day she appears on the vacant ground near Eighth and Commercial streets where the farmers are congregated and wants to "swap." She is a good judge of horses and often gets the best of the trade.—Atchison Globe.

Education's Progress.

Six alumnae of Vassar college are studying in the post graduate department at Yale; four alumnae of recent classes are studying medicine, one of these in the newly opened medical classes to women in Johns Hopkins, and one graduate is studying law in the University of the City of New York.

A Pioneer Lithographer.

Miss Julia Simons was the only American woman who had a lithographic exhibit at the Columbian exposition. She is the pioneer woman lithographer in New York and is employed by a leading firm, receiving the same pay as a man for the same class of work.—New York News.

The King's Bow.

Quite the latest craze among women searchers after superlatives with which to beguile their fancy is the wearing of a king bow of purple ribbon inside the bodice just over the heart. It is claimed to be a magnet which no lover can resist.—Exchange.

Miss Richardson has been elected second vice president and Miss Eaton secretary of the senior law class in the University of Michigan. The vice presidents of the junior law class and of the senior class in the dental department are women.

Miss Alice Cooke has been appointed lecturer in history of Owens college, Manchester. This is the first time a woman has been appointed in a university college in England as lecturer to mixed classes of men and women.

Lady Henry Somerset has been holding meetings in North Wales, where the British Women's Temperance association was practically unknown before. She has had immense audiences.

Five hundred of the Wesleyan college students sent a rejoicing telegram to the women of Colorado when they learned that women had gained the ballot in that state.

Jennie Taylor, niece of Bishop Taylor, has submitted with him for Africa. Besides her collegiate education she is a graduate in dentistry, also a trained nurse.

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Mrs. Langtry is about to publish a novel with the suggestive personal title of "A Jersey Lily."

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